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SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING - MRS. NIEHOUS FOLLOWS LEAD

REF: CARACAS 4861

1. THE EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF A NOTE DELIVERED TO MRS. DONNA NIEHOUS, WIFE OF U.S. INDUSTRIALIST WILLIAM NIEHOUS, ON APRIL 26, PRESUMABLY BY A CATHOLIC PRIEST. AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS. QUOTE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS YOU SHOULD GO TO THE METROPOLITAN CLINIC IN CAURIMARE TOMORROW APRIL 27 AT 10 A.M. ASK FOR DR. PEDRO ARISTIMUNO. I SHALL GIVE YOU A MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND'S CASE THAT I HAVE RECEIVED. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO THE DOCTOR ABOUT SOME GYNECOLOGICAL PROBLEM. THIS MESSAGE THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING CANNOT BE REVEALED TO ANYONE UNQUOTE.

2. ACTING UPON THESE INSTRUCTIONS MRS. NIEHOUS ACCOMPANIED BY AN OWENS-ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE WENT TO DR. ARISTIMUNO'S OFFICE AT THE METROPOLITAN CLINIC ON APRIL 27. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ADVISED WHAT MRS. NIEHOUS LARNED IN HER INTERVIEW AT THE METROPOLITAN CLINIC.

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3. OWENS-ILLINOIS EXECUTIVES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE

BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PARTIES WHO CLAIM TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE
GROUP WHICH KIDNAPPED NIEHOUS. HOWEVER, THE OWENS-ILLINOIS
PEOPLE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE THEY DEALING WITH THE REAL
KIDNAPPERS.
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